

The Late Elections.

Illinois and North Carolina.
Pending the recent declaration of martial law in Chicago, legitimate fruit of the

In 1871—but a few days since, it is alleged—the Federal cavalry who are scouring South Carolina, spreading terror and consternation wherever they go, re-

Despotism

We admire the pluck of Gov. Palmer and his patriotism. We wish him God speed in the holy cause he has undertaken, but we have grave fears for the result. If several States in their sovereign capacities cannot successfully resist the encroachments of arbitrary military power, individuals cannot hope to do so. Will the

THE FAIR.

Appended herewith we publish a list of the entries made yesterday, and will give the remainder in to-morrow's issue :

FIRST DAY.

The very indolent weather which prevailed yesterday morning, was a great drawback to the opening of the Fair.

the opening of our third annual Fair. It is true that there was a prodigious number of persons on the Grounds, but the rain was so very severe during the afternoon that it was found necessary to postpone the opening exercises. These will take place to-day, and, should the weather continue favorable, the Fair then will close with Saturday instead of with to-day, as at first intended.

Notwithstanding, however, the drawback occasioned by the weather, the prospects for a successful Fair have never been so flattering as they are now. The entries, which are early, fully attest this fact. There

Entries for the Fair Yesterday.
In addition to the report published yesterday the following articles were yesterday entered for exhibition :

da J Grafflin, 11 years old, worsted work; Miss Sallie Woodard, Nash county, knit socks; Mrs M J Lucas, Wake county, lace work and embroidery; Miss Ann Vaughn, Hanover county, quilts and needle

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SECOND DAY.
Jupiter Pluvius was far more propitious yesterday than on the previous day. The skies were bright and fair, the atmosphere

very pleasant, and a large number of persons reckoned by some at 3,000, were on the grounds during the day.

At ten o'clock the Fair was formally opened by the delivery of the following beautiful prayer, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gibbons :

PRAYER BY RT. REV. BISHOP GIBBONS, C.E.

FERED AT THE OPENING OF THE FAIR.

We are assembled here, O Lord, in Thy name, who hath said "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." We are gathered together from various portions of this extensive Commonwealth, and appear before Thee, not clad in the armor of war, to invoke Thee as the God of battles, and ask Thee to steel our hearts with hatred against any foreign or domestic enemy. But we are here to call upon Thee as the Prince of peace, the God of love, and the Father of all consolations, beseeching Thee to draw more closely between the people of our State the bonds of friendship and of social intercourse.

We adore Thee, O Lord, as the Author of our existence, we bless Thee as our constant Benefactor. We thank Thee as our Father, our Father in Christ, our Father in the Kingdom of Heaven. We acknowledge Thee as the Giver of all good gifts, and the inexhaustible source of all blessings, spiritual and temporal. "Without Thee we can do nothing." We confess, O God, with thy inspired servant, that "unless Thou build the house, they labor in vain that build it; unless Thou keep the city, he will keep it; unless Thou be the Father, the husbandman giving a blessing to the laborer, the husbandman himself will bring forth nothing but thorns and briar." "Paul soweth; Apollo watereth, but Thou alone givest the increase."

"In Thee, O, Almighty Father, we live

not move; and have our being: from
 outtest the very hairs of our heads; with-
 out Thy aid, not even a bird falleth to the
 ground; nor doth a blade of grass spring
 from the earth. We admire Thy merciful
 providence, who feedest the birds of the
 air, and clovesth the lilly of the valley
 more gorgeously than even Solomon was
 titted in all his glory.
 Penetrated with a deep sense of Thy
 bounty, and remembering that Thou the
 God of truth, hast said: "ask and ye shall

cease, seek and ye shall find, knock and
 shall be opened unto you:" we approach
 thee at this evening of this fair, with a
 heart of gladness, and with a grateful
 reliance under Thy merciful protection,
 to purify thy people, O Lord, with a love of
 industry and patient toil. We ask Thee to
 lessen the labor of our husbandmen. And
 in the beginning Thou didst command
 the earth to bring forth fruit, and they
 brought forth. We beseech Thee to send
 forth Thy spirit, and renew the face of
 the earth. Convert our barren wastes into
 fruitful fields, O Lord of the harvest,
 and forth more laborers to increase our
 harvest. Enrich Thy servants with the
 abundance of temporal blessings, that they
 may look forward with more confidence to

Grant, O God, that as the rain and the
orm of yesterday succeeded by the
m and sunshine of to-day, so may Thy
ple and having sown so long in tears, may
least reap in joy. Let the ploughshare
nefarth take the place of the sword.
ake this a promised land to us; a land
nishing with milk and honey, where every
ne may sit under his own vine and fig
ee. May our cities and towns resound
and more with the cheerful hum of
d industry. May the blessings of peace, and
mpérance, and domestic happiness, the
e of industry, be abundantly

O God, who enrichest the earth with the
 thy and latter rain, and who nourisheth
 plants with Thy gentle sun, refresh our
 souls with the dews of heavenly grace, and
 arm us with Thy life-giving breath, that
 we may be fruitful in every good work
 and enjoy Thee eternally hereafter,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the Rev. Bishop charged Col. S. T.
 Belmont, 'President of the Association,
 he forward and heartily welcomed those
 assembled there, in the afternoon.

Without State or corporate aid, its friends, with their private means, have placed it, I trust and believe, upon an enduring basis of prosperity.

The Association is organized upon the broad platform of progress and improvement in all the industrial interests affecting our State and country. Its benefits are alike open to all, of whatever name or creed, who will join us in building up and advancing the prosperity of the old State we represent.

We embrace within our scope more than fifteen counties of the Carolinas! and every good man who loves the work we have undertaken, and desires to give us a helping hand, is invited to rally around our standard. Here he will find a cordial welcome. Here we can meet on common ground! Here no partisan feelings, political, religious, or by whatever other names men may call themselves, can have place. Come, then, my fellow citizens, and let us join hands, year by year, in making this work of material improvement a perpetual success.

I see before me the bright eyes and beauteous faces of the better portion of our race. They come to greet us and to encourage and renew our zeal in the great work we have undertaken. To them and to you, gentlemen of every honest profession and calling, who have honored us by your presence, I bid you, in behalf of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, a most cordial welcome to this, our Third Annual Fair.

At 12 o'clock the trial of machinery took place, with the most satisfactory results.

At 1 o'clock, trials of speed were announced, and the crowd moved toward the track. The contest was for a purse of \$150 for the fast trotting by horses raised in North and South Carolina—\$100 to first and \$50 to second—5 per cent. entrance, mile heats, best 2 in 3. The entries were: Paxton's "Robert E. Lee," Pomeroy's "Lafair," and Richardson's "Orphan Boy." It was won by "Robert E. Lee," in 3:07, 3:04, 2:55.

At 2 o'clock the Road Steamer was exhibited, and the trial of it, so far as we could judge, was a perfect success. It glides over the ground almost like a thing of life, leaving behind it, even in our sandy soil, not a slight indentation, and is easily turned as short as can be done with a horse and a buggy. The official report of the Committee selected to attest its merits, will be made to-day.

At 3 o'clock there was another trial of speed, this time for a private purse of \$100, 2 in 3, mile heats. Pomeroy's "Loafer" and Trout's "Huntress" were entered, and the purse was won by the former in 2 50 and 2.53, winning heats.

We again made the entire circuit of the rounds yesterday and noted down carefully many objects of especial interest, not previously spoken of by us, but, after having prepared it for publication, want of space positively compels us to defer it until to-morrow, when we will, most assuredly, speak fully of the many beautiful things abounding in the Halle.

The following entries were made yesterday:

A. Nadal, Wilcox county, largest and best crop cotton; B. B. Carr, Duplin county, largest and best crop cotton, 10 acres Nassau guano used; J. L. Hines, New Han-

Essex county, largest and best crop cotton, 4 acres; R E Best, Green county, head of calves; W T Vann, Sampson county, Devon sows 3 years old; Willard Bros, Wilmington, best pair matched horses, drafters; V V Richardson, Columbus county, best station 4 years old, orphan boy, native horse; R W Nixon, Onslow county, are (spring tail) speed in racing; F W Potter, Brunswick county, Essex boar, 12 months old, 2 Essex pigs, 3 months old; Warkshire sow 13 months old, bronx tur-

ly; B F Drake, Wilson county, game
 4s; J M Crony, New Hanover county,
 rahma pootra; Lillie Larkins, Wilming-
 15, years old, light bread; Mrs W
 Larkins, Wilmington, mince pie, green
 mato pie, potato pie, white souppe
 flowers wine, black souppe
 ne; Miss Alice Larkins, sponge cake;
 3s; C B Linsey, Anson county, 5 pounds
 ted; M s Alice Walker, loaf of bread;
 5s; W Willard, 4 years, old bread.

Mrs W Atkinson, 2 jars pickles, 2 jars
 preserves, grape jelly, green preserves, cherry
 preserves, canned fruit, pillow cases; Mrs
 W W Swan, Wayne county, light bread,
 biscuits; Mrs T D Meares, Jr, light
 bread; Miss F Waters, 16 years old, Bran-
 ch county, light bread; Mrs D M Pear-
 son, Duplin county, quilt; Mrs W H C
 Hinton, cash; home made; Miss Hester
 Hester, Duplin county, home made, rolls;
 Mrs S. Willard, rustic; cash; Mrs A. Huns-
 ley, Sampson county, sacks; A B Huns-
 ley, Duplin county, ladies' acquies needie; Miss
 E. L. Luan, Columbus county, sacks;
 J. J. Smith, Columbus county, shirt;
 Mrs F W Kercher, Wilmington,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE W. & W. R. R. COMPANY.—In pursuance of a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting, the stockholders of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company convened at the office of the Company, in the city of Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday, 15th of November, 1871, when the following proceedings were had :

On motion of Hon. R. R. Bridges, Donald McRae, E-q., was appointed Chairman, and George R. French and J. W. Thompson Secretaries.

On motion of W. A. Wright, Esq., the Secretaries were appointed a committee to examine proxies and ascertain the amount of stock represented.

The Committee reported that there were 10,009 shares of stock represented, being a majority of the stock.

Whereupon the President of the Company, Hon. R. R. Bridgers, submitted his Annual Report, together with the reports of the Engineer and Superintendent, and Treasurer, which several reports were read, and on motion of Gen. C. H. Brogden, re-

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a President and ten Directors, whereupon R. R. Bridgers was unanimously elected President and the following Directors, viz : W. T. Walters, B. F. Newcomer, S. M. Shoemaker, Baltimore; D. C. Cameron, Harrisburg, Pa.; W. A. Wright, A. J. DeRoset, George Harris, Wilmington; W. H. Willard, Raleigh; Geo. Toward, Tarboro; Curtis H. Brogden, Fayette.

On motion of W. A. Wright, it was
Resolved, That the next annual meeting
be held in the city of Wilmington, on the
first Wednesday after the fourth Monday

Hon. R. R. Bridgers and J. W. Thompson, Esq., were appointed a committee to prepare the proceedings for publication. The meeting adjourned sine die.

DONALD MACRAE, Chairman.
GEO. R. FRENCH, } Secretaries.
J. W. THOMPSON, }

IS THE TIME FINE?—As the New York Herald reads the lesson of the election in that city, it is an uprising of the people against corruption and plunder in public office. It thinks that this mighty movement should not be limited to New York. The need for it was most urgent there, but it is

ably and anxiously felt every waking corruption, fraud, bribery, bribe taking, graft, and misfeasance in the Government, have spread all over the land. They permeate the organizations of all parties and are only more flagrant and suspicious in any State in whichsoever party happens to be in power there. Assuming the democratic character among the Tammany Democrats of New York, the Tammany Democrats among the carpet-bag governments of the South, the Republican officeholders of the West, and the national administration at Washington. The journals are full of them, and the heart of every patriot is sickened with the tidings of these things. The time has come, then, when a universal political reformation,"—Baltimore Sun.

A San Francisco journal says: "As a rule, it is not a good plan to visit the house of a recently married lady to collect money from her while you were counting her out for herself. We have reason to believe that we are supported in this opinion by Mr. Edward Kelly, of this city; but as Mr. Kelly is at the hospital, suffering from live thies with a bowie knife, we have forbore